

Ingrid Noll

Cold is the Evening's Breeze

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hauch*

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Book factsheet

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Bestseller

Spiegel Bestseller

Movie adaptations

2009: *Ladylike. Jetzt ers recht!*

Director: Vanessa Jopp
Screenplay: Christian Schnalke
Cast: Monika Bleibtreu, Gisela Schneeberger,
Günther Maria Halmer

2000: *Kalt ist der Abendhauch*

Director: Rainer Kaufmann
Screenplay: Ralf Hertwig
Cast: Fritzi Haberland, August Diehl, Heinz
Bennent, Gisela Trowe

1999: *Die Häupter meiner Lieben*

Director: Hans-Günther Bücking
Cast: Heike Makatsch, Christiane Paul

1999: *Der Hahn ist tot*

Director: Hermine Hunthgeburd
Cast: Gisela Schneeberger, August Zirner

1997: *Die Apothekerin*

Director: Rainer Kaufmann
Cast: Katja Riemann, August Zirner, Jürgen
Vogel

1993: *Bommels Billigflüge*

Director: Claus-Michael Rohne
Screenplay: Ingrid Noll
Cast: Rosemarie Fendel, Dominique Horwitz,
Tina Ruland

Awards

- 2025 Bundesverdienstkreuz der
Bundesrepublik Deutschland
- 2023 Ehrenbürgerin von Weinheim
- 2019 Ehrenkriminalhauptkommissarin der
Mannheimer Polizei
- 2016 Ehrenkommissarin der Bonner Polizei
- 2005 ›Friedrich-Glauser-Preis – Ehrenpreis der
Autoren‹ für das Gesamtwerk
- 2002 Verleihung der ›Verdienstmedaille des
Landes Baden-Württemberg‹ durch
Ministerpräsident Erwin Teufel
- 1994 ›Friedrich-Glauser-Preis‹ für *Die
Häupter meiner Lieben*

Charlotte, aged 83 and still sprightly, comes from well-ordered circumstances. She always clears up before visitors arrive, and several people have spent the night at her place. Now someone special has announced his arrival: Hugo, her brother-in-law, for whom she always had a weakness. Can it be that they will pass a romantic evening together? Will their story have a happy end?

Charlotte makes her plans with longing tinged with anxiety, but above all she is invaded by vivid memories of her eventful past: how she fought her way through during the war and the post-war years as a single mother, and how long it took for the wounds of a shattered love to heal. But Charlotte is not a pathetic figure, she is a wise woman with wit and charm whose final trump is her age...

Her life together with a man who was not her husband, her fear of being an old maid, and a man who came back too late from the war – all this combines to make a colourful picture in which the joy and love of life have a prominent place – provided that the principles of marriage are not taken too seriously.

Ingrid Noll's heroine's narrations of a disseminated family are touching and tragicomic at one and the same time. It is no coincidence that Cora, who contrived to make her Tuscan lover disappear beneath the tiles on the terrace, is Charlotte's granddaughter...

Praise

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»Ingrid Noll is one of the best German storytellers.« – Angela Gatterburg / Der Spiegel, Hamburg

»Ingrid Noll has a distinct talent for finding the horror in day-to-day life.« – Karin Oehmigen / SonntagsZeitung, Zürich

»Ingrid Noll is often referred to as Germany's ›Queen of Crime‹, and she fully deserves this title.« – The Sunday Times, London

»Riveting reading – we are captivated precisely because it is all so familiar.« – Dieter Hildebrandt / Sender Freies Berlin

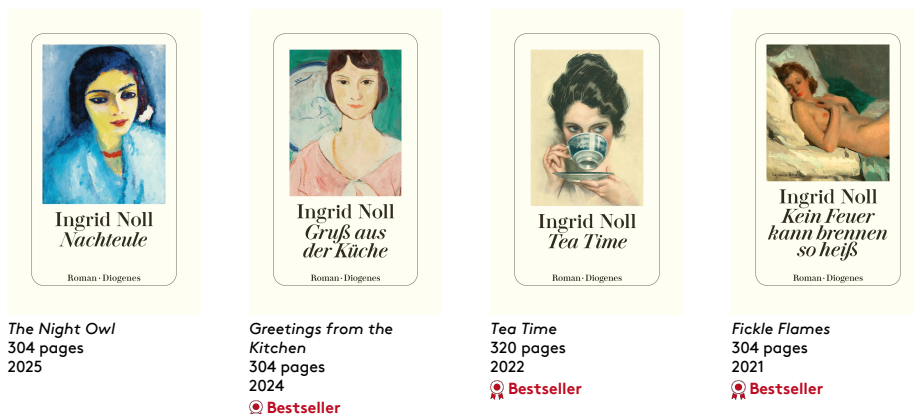
»Ingrid Noll has truly mastered the art of the comic crime novel.« – Ulli Wagner / SR3, Saarbrücken

»Still the most original crime writer in the German language.« – Christel Freitag / NDR Kultur, Hamburg



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Ingrid Noll, born in Shanghai in 1935, studied German philology and art history in Bonn. She has three children and four grandchildren. After her children left home, she began writing crime stories, which all became instant bestsellers. In 2005 she received the ›Glaser Prize of Honour‹ for her oeuvre.



The Night Owl
304 pages
2025

Greetings from the Kitchen
304 pages
2024
🏆 Bestseller

Tea Time
320 pages
2022
🏆 Bestseller

Fickle Flames
304 pages
2021
🏆 Bestseller



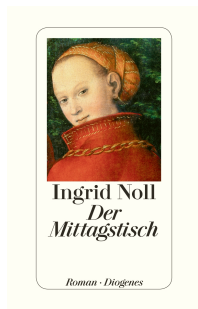
Ingrid Noll
*In Liebe
Dein Karl*
Diogenes
With Love, Karl
336 pages
2020
🏆 Bestseller



Ingrid Noll
Goldschatz
Roman - Diogenes
Good as Gold
368 pages
2019
🏆 Bestseller



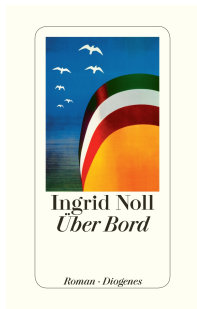
Ingrid Noll
Halali
Roman - Diogenes
Tally-Ho
320 pages
2017
🏆 Bestseller



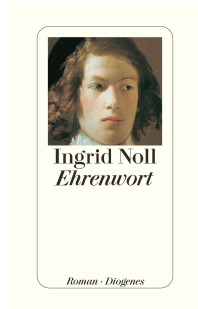
Ingrid Noll
*Der
Mittagstisch*
Roman - Diogenes
Lunchtime
224 pages
2015
🏆 Bestseller



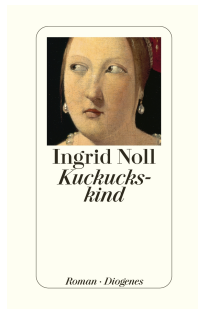
Ingrid Noll
Hab und Gier
Roman - Diogenes
Till Greed Do Us Part
256 pages
2014
🏆 Bestseller



Ingrid Noll
Über Bord
Roman - Diogenes
Overboard
336 pages
2012
🏆 Bestseller



Ingrid Noll
Ehrenwort
Roman - Diogenes
Word of Honour
336 pages
2010
🏆 Bestseller



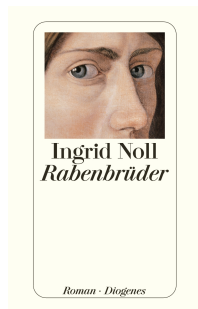
Ingrid Noll
*Kuckucks-
kind*
Roman - Diogenes
Cuckoo's Child
352 pages
2008
🏆 Bestseller



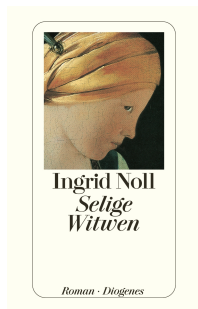
Ingrid Noll
Ladylike
Roman - Diogenes
Ladylike
336 pages
2006
🎬 Movie Adaptation
🏆 Bestseller



Ingrid Noll
*Falsche
Zungen*
Diogenes
False Tongues
256 pages
2004
🏆 Bestseller



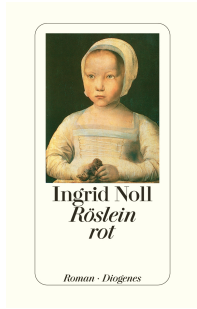
Ingrid Noll
Rabenbrüder
Roman - Diogenes
Rabenbrüder
288 pages
2003
🏆 Bestseller



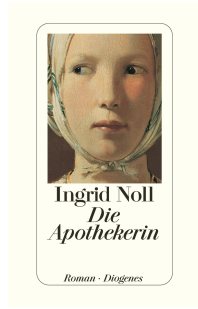
Ingrid Noll
*Selige
Witwen*
Roman - Diogenes
Blissfully Widowed
272 pages
2001
🏆 Bestseller



Ingrid Noll
*Die
Sekretärin*
Drei Rache-
geschichten
Diogenes
The Secretary
96 pages
2000
🏆 Bestseller



Ingrid Noll
*Röslein
rot*
Roman - Diogenes
Red Rose
288 pages
1998
🏆 Bestseller



Ingrid Noll
*Die
Apothekerin*
Roman - Diogenes
The Pharmacist
256 pages
1994
🎬 Movie Adaptation
🏆 Bestseller



Ingrid Noll
*Die Häupter
meiner
Lieben*
Roman - Diogenes
Head Count
288 pages
1993
🎬 Movie Adaptation
🏆 Bestseller



Hell Hath No Fury
272 pages
1991

 **Movie Adaptation**
 **Bestseller**